



# Leadership Vacuum

July 31, 2022

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[AT THE GATES](#) • [AT HEBRON](#)
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*(so leadership is broken)*

### Three Lessons from Brokenness

#### David

[RELIVING THE PAST](#) • [JOAB!! THE ARK!! NOTHING TO FEAR](#) • [PUSHING PEOPLE AWAY](#)

It's the temptation of brokenness to

**ISOLATE, IGNORE, and REVERT.**

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#### The Victims

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## News & Events at LCC and in our Community!

***Lafayette Community Church exists to simply help people follow Jesus.***

We're so glad you have found us. Our whole aim is to help you follow Jesus. Life is complex, but following Jesus doesn't have to be hard. We want to help you no matter where you are on your spiritual journey.

We do what we do because we believe God has called us to be a blessing to others, helping make their life better because of the love of Christ. We do what we do because we believe that when we serve others, we discover a little more what abundant life really is. Whether you are discovering life in Christ or you want to help others, you've found a home with us.

### **Fusion Youth Mini Golf Party • Actually Tonight 5:15-7pm**

Fusion, our multi-church youth group for students entering 6-12, is hosting a mini-golf party tonight at **Hole In One Family Fun** (311 Meijer Drive). It's a Hawaiian theme, so dress up in your best tropical island look to win prizes. Pizza and drinks will be provided. Additional snacks will be available to purchase at the concession stand. **Please bring \$3** to cover the cost of mini golf.

### **21 Days of Prayer Starts Next Sunday**

For a number of years now, we have taken the month of August to focus ourselves on God through prayer. This year, our 21 Days of Prayer will launch on August 7. For 21 consecutive days, we will collectively turn our attention on God each morning through times of corporate worship both in person and online.

This year, we'd especially like to know how you'd like to participate. Mornings? Evenings? In-person? YouTube? Zoom? Let us know using our Connect Card.

### **Kidopolis**

We are always on the lookout for new Kidopolis workers! If you are willing, I guarantee you will love it or your money back!

### **Small Groups**

We have a number of small groups currently running:

**Sundays, 5:30pm.** Contact Matt (570-556-6753) or Dani (570-490-4572) Bastian.

**Tuesday, 6:30pm.** Contact Joe Burgess: 317-313-7773.

**Wednesday, 7:00pm.** Multi-church, multi-racial adult Bible Study meeting in August at Living Truth of Christ Church. Contact Pastor Jeff (765-404-0807) or join by Zoom with this link: <https://lafayettecc.org/go/zoom-foster>

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